

Latest Operation Round Up grants total \$100,613

Your Operation Round Up program has been pouring out funds to great organizations that fill vital roles in our communities. Without these groups and their work, many of our neighbors would have nowhere to turn during these trying times.

Across the Bridge, Inc. – \$2,500 for their Homeless and Helpless addiction recovery program. *DeKalb, Gwinnett, Walton.*

Georgia Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities – \$3,100 for their Manufacturing Institute for college capable high school students with disabilities. *Barrow, Clarke, DeKalb, Greene, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Rockdale, Walton.*

Georgia Distributive Education Clubs of America – \$2,000 to support their state-winning students. *Entire territory.*

Gwinnett County Public Library – \$10,000 towards their mobile kitchen and turnkey learning system. *Gwinnett.*

Lettum Eat! – \$10,000 for their emergency mobile feeding program. *Gwinnett.*



Oconee County Extension – \$8,140 toward 4-H project achievement. *Oconee.*

Prevent Child Abuse Rockdale – \$3,500 for their parenting support program. *Newton, Rockdale, Walton.*

Young Women's Christian Organization of Athens – \$3,000 for scholarships for those who can't afford to attend their summer girls club. *Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Oconee.*

Friends of Gwinnett Senior Citizens, Partnership Against Domestic Violence, Salvation Army – \$37,500 to these organizations that provide emergency food, medical and shelter needs. These funds come from unclaimed capital credits.

Four families – \$20,873.94 for emergency assistance.

Want to help?

Go to the "Community" tab at waltonemc.com and click on the Operation Round Up link. Every customer-owner's donation helps those in need. Walton EMC covers all administrative costs of the program.

No Planting Zone

It's a good idea not to plant anything under power lines or around transformers

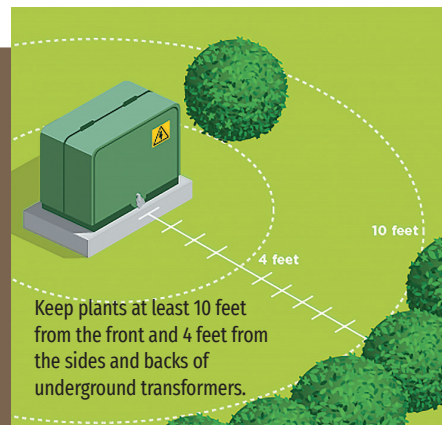
Most people know it isn't a good idea to plant trees under power lines. But even plants that won't grow tall enough to reach power lines don't belong under them.

Why? In an outage or during maintenance, our linemen use heavy trucks and other equipment. Your plants won't survive being run over by these machines. We can't replace plants in our easement that are damaged during the course of repair or maintenance.

The same goes for plants near our underground transformers. If our technicians have to repair or replace those devices, they'll first cut shrubs so they can work safely.

To avoid this, plant at least 10 feet from the front of an underground transformer and at least 4 feet from the sides and back.

We want you to be happy with us and your electric service. So please keep plants, shrubs and trees well away from power lines and underground transformers.



These tiny Leyland cypress trees will be growing into the power line above in less than 10 years. They're already in the way of line technicians restoring power.

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6 ways to welcome burglars while you're vacationing

Counting the days until your vacation? Along with booking a hotel, don't forget to put home security on your preparation to-do list. Otherwise, you might be throwing out the welcome mat to burglars.

Burglaries rise about 10 percent between June and August — the months when many Georgia families leave home for a vacation. If you want to fall victim to a burglary, here are a few mistakes you'll want to make:

1 DON'T INVEST IN A MONITORED SECURITY SYSTEM. Current data suggests that homes without security systems are three times more likely to be targeted by a burglar.

SMARTER: Install a home security system with 24/7 professional monitoring. EMC Security (emcsecurity.com), which is owned by Walton EMC, sells security systems and provides monitoring services at a low monthly rate with no contract required.

2 IGNORE YOUR VULNERABILITIES. Disregard old door or window locks that can be quickly breached. Pay no attention to an unlit home exterior that can provide excellent nighttime cover for a thief.

SMARTER: Upgrade locks and add video surveillance as part of your security package. EMC Security offers these products for self-install or as part of a security system professional installation package. Consider installing an energy efficient LED yard light from Walton EMC to illuminate your yard and driveway at night.

3 LEAVE YOUR LAWN UNTENDED. High grass and overgrown shrubs are a tipoff that your home is vacant.

SMARTER: Hire a service or ask a neighbor to mow your lawn. Trim tree branches that might allow access to a climbing burglar.

4 LET THE DELIVERIES PILE UP. Ignored packages and an overflowing mailbox will tempt thieves as well as signal that nobody's home.

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IF YOUR POWER IS OUT

770.267.2505

waltonemc.com > Report an Outage

WHEN WE'RE AVAILABLE

Power Outages and Emergencies > 24/7

Contact Center > M-F, 7A-7P

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Our subsidiaries supply natural gas and security services.

6 ways to welcome burglars

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SMARTER: Contact companies to suspend auto deliveries. Complete an online request for USPS Hold Mail service. Install a smart video doorbell to alert you if an unexpected package arrives, so you can ask a neighbor to pick it up.

5 USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO LET EVERYONE KNOW YOU'RE VACATIONING. Those beach shots might make your friends jealous, but they will also send an open invitation to thieves who troll social media looking for opportunity.

SMARTER: Take a vacation from social media while you're away. Post photos after you return home.

6 LEAVE YOUR VALUABLES IN THE BEDROOM. It's the first place the burglar will look for jewelry, firearms and stashes of extra cash.

SMARTER: Don't stow your treasures in "clever" places such as under the mattress, in boxes or clothing pockets in your closet or in your sock drawer. Place valuables in a bank lock box or a household safe that can't be carried away.

You've earned a vacation, so relax and enjoy. Take a few proactive steps to secure your valuables before you leave, so you can come home to find things just as you left them.

Where does my electricity come from?

The electricity Walton EMC distributes to members' homes and businesses is generated from a variety of sources.

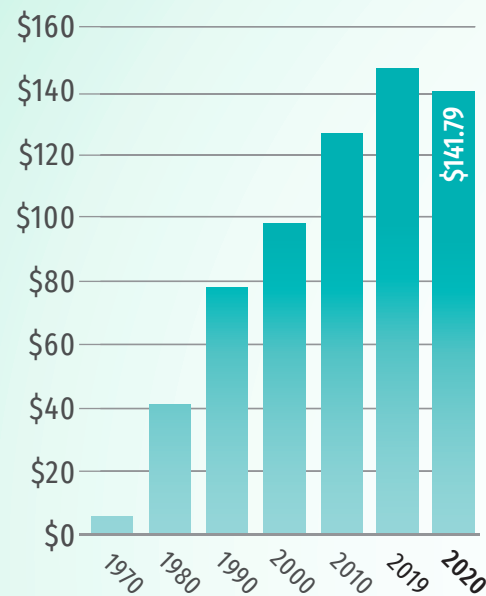
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is hydropower generated from flowing WATER at places like Russell Dam along the Savannah River.

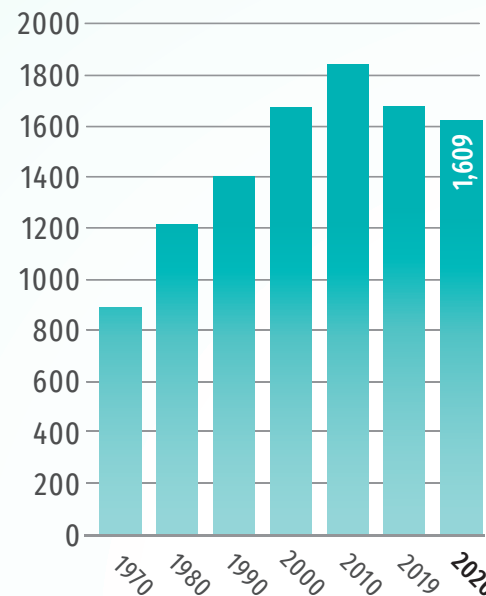
2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Every June, we gather and present financial information on your cooperative. Take a look at our expanded edition prepared especially for this month's newsletter.

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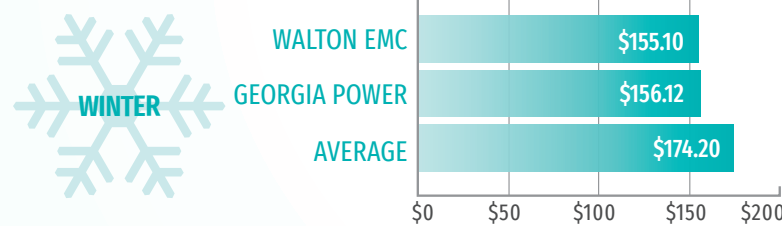


AVERAGE KWH PER MONTH



ELECTRIC RATE SURVEY

Twice yearly, the Georgia Public Service Commission conducts a rate survey with all 94 of the state's electric utilities. The level for use of this comparison is a monthly use of 1,500 kilowatt-hours.

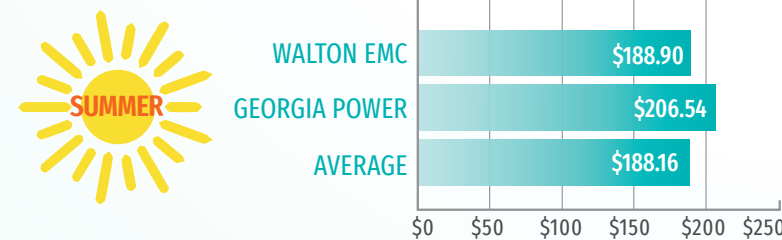


NOTICE OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL ASSIGNMENT

No margins have been assigned to all patrons of record in 2020 on the basis of electric revenue.

Although margins earned are assigned to patrons each year, the cooperative uses these margins to repay principal on long-term debt and as capital to construct or purchase an electric plant until a general refund can be made without impairing the cooperative's financial condition.

General refunds are made on a combination of first in/first out and last in/first out basis. This means a general refund will come partly from the oldest and partly from the most recent margins earned by the cooperative. The cooperative's bylaws permit the board to make special refunds to estates of deceased patrons.



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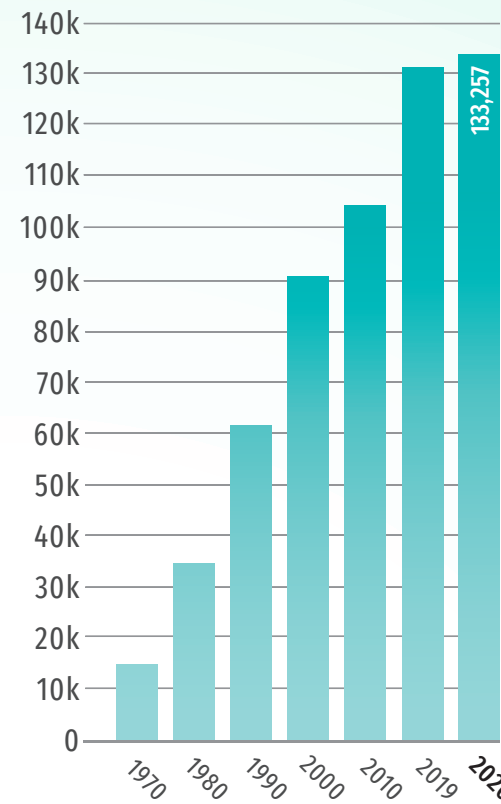


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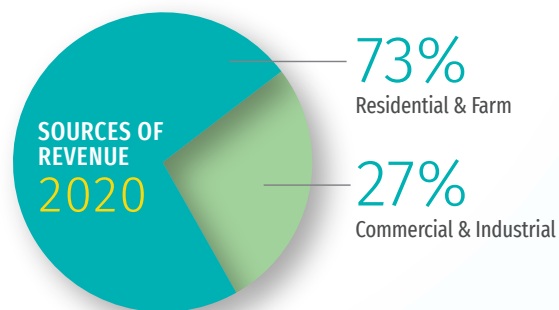
Ronnie Lee
CEO

AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS



HOW ELECTRIC REVENUE WAS USED

This is how we spend the money we receive. Most is used to buy power and operate the co-op. Less than 10 percent is spent on administration.



CAPITAL CREDITS RETURNED

Capital credits are what's left over after all bills are paid. In a co-op, that's called margins. Margins are used to pay down debt, make capital improvements and prepare for emergencies. When the co-op's board determines that our reserve is more than needed, the excess is returned.

2020 **\$9,000,000**
ALL-TIME TOTAL **\$117,000,000**

AVERAGE MONTHLY COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL BILL

